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Venice, Dec. 25. *N S.*

THE Prince of *Hesse-Darmstad* who arrived here some days ago from *Vienna*, is gone to *Rome*, and 'tis generally believed he is to have one of the two Cardinals Caps which the Pope reserved in Petto at the last Promotion. Our last Letters from *Rome* give an Account, that the Pope has deferred the Ceremony of opening the Jubilee till the *Epiphany*; And the Duke of *Mantua*, and divers Persons of Quality that are come hither from *Germany* and other Parts with an intention to be present at this Solemnity, are accordingly preparing for their going thither against that time. These Advices add, that the Pope continues on the mending hand, and is so far recovered, as to be able to apply himself to publick Business, and that he has had several Conferences with Cardinal *Spada* his Chief Minister, about the Choice of Nuncio's to be sent to the Courts of *Vienna*, *Paris*, and *Madrid*, in the room of those that reside there at present, who are promoted to be Cardinals. The Pope, to prevent the excessive dearness of Provisions which would naturally be the consequence of the great concourse of People at *Rome* on account of the Jubilee, has appointed Commissioners to regulate the Prices of Wine, Corn, and other Commodities of the like nature. We have an Account from *Dalmatia*, that the *Venetian* and *Turkish* Commissioners for adjusting the Limits having settled the Boundaries as far as *Trebigna* near *Ragusa*, were obliged by the badness of the Weather to adjourn their Conferences till next Spring, so that they had taken their Leave of each other, and Signior *Grimani* the *Venetian* Commissioner was come to *Castel-Novo*, where he intended to spend the Winter; and the *Turkish* Commissioner was gone to *Seraio*, where he intended likewise to continue during the remaining part of this Season. Signior *Mocenigo*, Proveditore General of *Dalmatia*, was preparing to return hither, having compleated the time during which this Office is usually held, and Signior *Francisco Grimani*, Lieutenant-General of the *Venetian* Forces in the *Morea*, who is appointed to succeed him, was shortly expected there. Our last Letters from *Constantinople* say, Signior *Soranzo* Ambassador from this Republick to the Port, arrived there the 13th of the last Month. The Captain-Bassa in one of the Grand Signior's Galleys went as far as the *Dardanelles* to meet him, and conduct him to *Constantinople*; His Excellency soon after his arrival had Audience of the Grand Visier, and would in few days have his Publick Audience of the Grand Signior, who was then diverting himself at a Country House near that City.

Vienna, Dec. 25. The Emperor's Ministers, to whom the care of the Military Affairs is committed, meet daily to consider of the State of the Imperial Forces, and to make the necessary Provision for their Subsistence, and for furnishing Quarters in *Hungary* and *Transilvania*, for a considerable Body of Troops that are to continue in those Parts. The Arch-Duke *Charles* is still ill of a Feaver, and a violent Pain in his Head, he has been let Blood, which has given him some Ease; but his Physicians are still of opinion, that his Sickness will prove to be the Small-Pox. The Count of *Bercka* being appointed by the Emperor to be his Ambassador at *Venice*, intends to leave this Place in few days, in order to repair thither; He is particularly charged with Instructions to treat about adjusting the Differences between the Emperor and that Republick, concerning the Limits of their Territories in *Croatia*. Our last Advices from *Belgrade* say, Count *Otting*, the Emperor's Ambassador to the Grand Signior, parted from that Place on the 11th Instant, and embarked on the *Danube*, intending to go as far as *Widin* by Water, and from thence to proceed by Land to *Constantinople*. The *Turkish* Ambassador has left *Esseck*, and continues his Journey hither, but comes on so slowly, that he is not expected here this fortnight; In the mean time all things are making ready for his reception, and the Burghers of this City have already received Orders to appear in Arms when he makes his Entry.

Dresden, Dec. 26. The King of *Poland* received last Tuesday, by an Express from *Warsaw*, the Treaty lately concluded in that City about the Business of *Elbing*, and has ordered the Ratifications thereof to be forthwith dispatched, and sent to *Warsaw* to be exchanged with those of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*. The States of the Electorate of *Saxony* have almost finished the Matters before them, and will separate in few days; And the King intends immediately after to go to *Leipsick*, and having stayed there some short time, he will proceed on his Journey to *Warsaw*, and soon after his arrival in that City, a General Diet will be summoned. 'Tis believed, that 'twill be proposed to the Diet, to allow the Queen the free Exercise of her Religion, and to regulate the number of Chaplains, and other Protestants she shall be permitted to entertain in her Service, and that she will defer her going to *Poland* till this Matter is settled. Prince *Alexander Sobieski* came hither some days ago to wait upon the King, and he is since returned to *Olau* in *Silesia* to meet Prince *Constantine* his Brother, and from thence they will go together to *Rome*, as well to make

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